

# VINITA DAILY CHIEFTAIN.

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## KENLUCKY MAN WILL DEVELOP HIS FARM

J. S. Wilson, who recently purchased about \$20,000 worth of land including the Jim Rogers tract near Pensacola, was in the city today, on business. Mr. Wilson will develop the place into a modern grain and stock farm. His home is in Kentucky but he expects to spend a good portion of his time looking after his place here. He had the misfortune to get a limb broken, not long ago, but is now about recovered.

## Mining President Dead.

By Associated Press.  
Boston, Mass., March 29.—Alexander Agassiz, president of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company, died today, on board the steamship Adriatic, which is due in New York tomorrow.

## East and West Railroads Attract Much Attention

Guthrie, Okla., March 29.—An east and west line through northern Oklahoma seems to be one proposition that is attracting the attention of railroad builders in the new state at the present time.

Three of the five roads on which actual construction work is now in progress are of that sort, the two exceptions being the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf, which is just completing its line into Denison, Texas, from Durant, and the Clinton, Oklahoma & Western, a road built by local capital between Clinton and Butler, a distance of about twenty miles.

The three east and west lines are the Osage Western, building from Vinita to Enid; the Mountain, Valley & Plains, from Guthrie to Cimarron, N. M., and the Enid, Ochiltree & Western, from Enid to Dalhart and Ochiltree, Texas. That latter two are to a considerable degree parallel and competing lines, but the Osage Western ends where the others begin and would work well in combination with either one of them.

It commenced work at Vinita last week with a gang of 200 men and teams on the first fifty miles of the grade. A second contract will be let in April. The line will run through Vinita, Bartlesville, Pawhuska, Biles, Billings and Enid. The deal for the use of the Rock Island branch from Billings into Enid has been called off and an independent line will be built. The construction of the line from Vinita to the junction of the Salt Fork and Arkansas rivers, near White Eagle, has been financed by the sale of bonds to St. Louis financiers. It was at first supposed that the new road was a Katy project, but later reports are to the effect that it is backed by the Frisco and will be used by that road as a main line from St. Louis to the Texas Panhandle.

The two west side lines are also at work, the Enid, Ochiltree & Western working east from Dalhart, Texas and the Mountain, Valley & Plains west from Guthrie. The first section of the latter road to be completed will be the one between Guthrie and Kingfisher. Some difficulty has been experienced by the contractors in securing enough men and teams for the work owing to the fact that practically all surplus labor here is absorbed by paving and other public improvements.

Since the Osage Western commenced construction work, rumors have been revived in regard to another road, the Oklahoma & Golden City, which proposed to build through practically the same towns. This company was originally organized in July, 1907, to construct a road from Jefferson City, Mo., to Fairview,

## Allds Tenders Resignation.

By Associated Press.  
Albany, N. Y., March 29.—Senator Allds filed his resignation with the secretary of state before any action was taken today by the senate on the bribery charges, preferred by Senator Conger.

## HEARING ARGUMENTS IN BRYANT-WHISTLER CASES

The Bryant and Whistler cases are still occupying the attention of the district court. The taking of testimony was completed just before the noon adjournment, and the arguments are being heard this afternoon.

The next case on call is the suit of George Fling of Afton against the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad for damages for the killing of two horses.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS LAWS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Assistant to Chas. West Renders Opinion on Various Bills Passed at Special Session--  
Bill for Sale of School Lands to Oklahoma Fair Association is Weak--Death Penalty for Assault Declared Void--  
Raises Question of Repeal of the Taylor Election Law

Guthrie, Okla., March 29.—That a number of bills passed by the special session of the legislature probably are unconstitutional is the holding of Assistant Attorney General Charles L. Moore on a list of bills which was transmitted to the attorney general's office by the governor for an opinion as to their legality before taking action upon them.

In regard to senate bill 103, which provides for the sale of the school land quarter adjoining Oklahoma City, upon which the state fair grounds are located to the Oklahoma Fair Association and the sale of school quarters adjoining Guthrie, Shawnee and El Reno Assistant Attorney General Moore holds that the measure probably is unconstitutional as it does not provide regulations under which the land shall be sold, and attempts to confer legislative power upon the commissioners of the land office to provide the rules and regulations for the sale of the land where the legislation provides that these regulations shall be furnished by the legislature.

With regard to the bill prescribing the death penalty for criminal assault, it is pointed out that it probably is void because the enacting clause is left out and no clear reference is made to the section of the law to be repealed. The bill providing for the transfer of school pupils from one district to another, making moneys derived from taxation in the original district available for the benefit of the district to which the pupils are transferred, is held to be unconstitutional because it attempts to appropriate money raised by ad valorem taxation for the benefit of one district to be used in another district.

Stafford's bill giving cities of the first class having adopted a charter form of government the power to regulate the election of members of the school board is held as probably unconstitutional because of the fact that cities of the first class and school districts are separate entities, and the latter cannot be governed by the former, but school districts are regulated by general laws.

An opinion with regard to the "grandfather clause" resolution holds that inasmuch as it does not contemplate any steps to be taken or appropriations to be made until the proposition can be initiated, no possible harm can come from the governor's signing it.

House bill 175 which provides that

any city which has reached its constitutional limit of indebtedness may apply to the district court for permission to issue refunding bonds in order to increase its indebtedness beyond that limit is held to be indirectly prohibited by the legislation.

In an opinion regarding the bill to repeal the old Taylor general election law, which has been signed by the governor since the opinion was rendered, Assistant Attorney General Moore holds that it raises the legal question to repeal the law after referendum had been legally ordered and he holds that if it were adopted at the polls the old Taylor general election law probably would become effective regardless of the action of the legislature in attempting to repeal it.

The Oklahoma City school land bill was approved today by the governor, notwithstanding the adverse opinion of the attorney general's office.

The governor also signed the Bryan general election bill, on which the republicans of the state probably will demand a referendum vote, and the bill repealing the Taylor general election law, passed at the last session, on which a referendum is now pending, and which the Bryan law supersedes. After holding them for nine days, the governor signed the bills for the relief of the school land department, which he had pleaded with the legislature to make emergency measures. One provides for the organization of the loan and sales divisions and fixes salaries, and the other appropriates \$116,000 for the maintenance of those two divisions up to July 1, 1911. The "grandfather" clause resolution was signed, although it did not require his approval, being only a concurrent resolution.

Other bills signed were: By Jones, allowing the sale of property held for separate school purposes; by Taylor, appropriating \$39,300 for maintenance of the girls' industrial school at Chickasha; by Blair, legalizing the issuance of municipal bonds; by Wynne, amending the statute in regard to consolidated school districts; by Stafford, allowing cities under charter form of government to regulate elections of school boards; by Lovelace, exempting persons from road duty who have performed it in another state; by Cope, re-enacting the territorial laws in regard to challenges at election; house bills validating outstanding warrants; resolutions in regard to completion of house and senate journals.

## JUSTICE BREWER DIES FROM APOPLECTIC ATTACK

Washington, March 29.—David Josiah Brewer, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States died last night at 10:30 o'clock as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. His death followed within a minute or two, before he could be carried to his bed. Mrs. Brewer was with him when the end came. Judge Brewer was 73 years of age.

His death came unexpectedly. Although he had not been feeling well for the past few days, he was up and out today, and apparently in the best health and spirits. He was in equally good spirits at dinner and spent the evening in reading.

## To Investigate Lobbies.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., March 29.—The house today passed a resolution for the investigation of the charges that a lobby is maintained in Washington, by the shipping interests, to corruptly influence members of the house in favor of the ship subsidy legislation.

## ONLY LIGHT VOTE IS CAST AT SPECIAL ELECTION

Although two important bond issues are being voted upon at today's election the vote being polled is very light. At two o'clock this afternoon 193 votes had been cast at the four voting places. The first ward had cast 37 votes, the second 79, third 50 and the fourth 27. The general opinion is that both issues will carry.

There is practically no opposition to the bonds for the extension of the water works, and very little to the \$12,000 asked to pay the indebtedness of the city, in excess of the levy made for the current year, ending July 1, 1910.

## Adjourn Without Agreement.

By Associated Press.  
Cincinnati, O., March 29.—The joint committee of miners and operators of Ohio, Indiana and western Pennsylvania, adjourned today, without reaching an agreement. The miners rejected the operators' "ultimatum" yesterday.

## Kansas City Treasurer Dead.

By Associated Press.  
Kansas City, Mo., March 29.—William J. Baehr, city treasurer and prominent in local republican politics, died at his home here today of apoplexy, aged forty-six. He was the only republican elected to an important office at the last municipal election.

## BATTLE LINES DRAWN FOR COMING CAMPAIGN

Guthrie, Okla., March 29.—The lines of the coming political battle for control of Oklahoma are rapidly being drawn and to date more than sixty candidates, including democrats and republicans, have entered the contest for nomination for state offices in the primary election next August. The democrats have the largest number of candidates, the republicans having entered only about one-third of the total number of candidates up to the present time. Although most of the candidates have begun their active campaign, the contest thus far has been remarkably free from mud-slinging, which has been the chief characteristic of previous primary campaigns in Oklahoma.

The following candidates for the various state offices are in the field, most of whom have made formal announcement for their candidacy.

For governor, Democratic—William H. Murray of Tishomingo, Lee Cruce of Ardmore, F. E. Herring of Elk City, and J. B. A. Robertson of Chandler. Republican—J. W. McNeal of Guthrie, T. B. Ferguson of Watonga, John Field of Oklahoma City, and C. G. Jones of Oklahoma City.

For lieutenant governor—none.

For secretary of state, Democratic—Leo E. Meyers of Sayre, Benjamin Harrison of Calvin. Republican—none.

For state auditor, Democratic—W. F. Gilmer of Ardmore, Henry Derwin of Guthrie, William Cross of Oklahoma City, and H. A. Tucker. Republican—none.

For state treasurer, Democratic—Robert Dunlap of Newkirk, and M. E. Trapp of Guthrie. Republican—none. For superintendent of public instruction, Democratic—E. D. Cameron of Guthrie, Charles Evans of Ardmore, and Lynn Glover of Weatherford. Republican—J. P. Evans of Tahlequah, J. B. Taylor of Oklahoma City and L. B. Dyche of Lawton.

For commissioner of charities and corrections—Miss Kate Barnard of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Geo. W. Garrison of Oklahoma City. Republican—none.

For state insurance commissioner, Democratic—Miles Laster of Pauls Valley. Republican—none.

For state labor commissioner, Democratic—Chas. L. Daugherty of Oklahoma City. Republican—none.

For clerk of supreme court, Democratic—W. H. Campbell of Ada, N. A. Gordon of Oklahoma City, and O. H. P. Brewer of Fort Gibson. Republican—none.

For attorney general, Democratic—E. C. Burnette of Cordell, O. T. Smith of Guthrie and George D. Key of Lawton. Republican—Cornelius Hardy of Tishomingo.

For state examiner and inspector, Democratic—Charles A. Taylor of Pond Creek, and F. M. Landrum of Tahlequah. Republican—none.

For state printer, Democratic—D. C. Lester of McAlester and Giles W. Ferris of Mangum. Republican—none.

For president board of agriculture, Democratic—G. T. Bryan of Perry, and W. F. Hendricks of Wakita. Republican—none.

For corporation commission, Democratic—J. C. Graham of Marietta, George Henshaw of Madill and Joe Strain of Wann. Republican—none.

For state mine inspector—Democratic—Ed Boyle of Chant. Republican—none.

For justice supreme court, Democratic—Third district—M. J. Kane of Kingfisher. Republican—none. Fifth district, Democratic—Jesse J. Dunn of Alva. Republican—H. J. Sturgis of Enid.

For criminal court of appeals, Democratic—Thomas H. Doyle of Perry and Henry Furman of Ada. Republican—none.

For congress, First district, Democratic—Rev. Randolph Cook, Enid, W. E. Worden of Wauwatomis, — McNeal of Pawnee. Republican—Bird S. McGuire of Pawnee, Milton C. Garber of Enid, John Golob of Guthrie and Joel R. Scott of Perry.

For congress, Second district, Democratic—John J. Gerlach of Woodward and R. B. Forrest of El Reno. Republican—Joe Sherman of Major, I. N. Holcomb of Oklahoma City, Dick T. Morgan of Woodward and L. T. Wil-

son of Alva.

For congress, Third district, Democratic—Campbell Russell of Warner, James S. Davenport of Vinita. Republican—Charles E. Cretger of Muskogee, H. E. P. Stanford of Okmulgee, Spencer Blackburn of Tulsa.

For congress, Fourth district, Democratic—Charles D. Carter of Ardmore. Republican—none.

For congress, Fifth district, Democratic—Scott Ferris of Lawton. Republican—none.

## CHAMP CLARK'S VIEWS ON PARLIAMENTARIAN PLAN

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 29.—Representative Champ Clark, the minority leader in the house has predicted that it would be a long time before the house would elect a non-partisan parliamentarian speaker.

Mr. Clark was questioned as to his views on the proposition emanating from some of the "insurgent" republicans to elect Asher C. Hinds parliamentarian of the house.

"I think the plan of electing a parliamentarian as speaker is very likely to be adopted in the house some day," was the reply. "It is a logical idea. But I don't think such a radical step will be taken in the near future."

"Great changes in government come slowly. For 120 years we have been adding to the power of the speaker of the house, and not until a week ago last Saturday was a successful move made to take away power. As we have been a century or more adding to the power of the presiding officer, I do not look for it all to be swept away in one day or in a few days. It will take time."

## PROCLAMATIONS CALLING TWO SPECIAL ELECTIONS

By Associated Press.

Guthrie, Okla., March 29.—A proclamation calling a special election on June 11, under the initiative and referendum to relocate, permanently, the state capital was filed secretly, by Governor Haskell with the secretary of state last night, and was issued publicly today.

A proclamation calling a special election on June 11, on the initiative amendment to the constitution to allow domestic lines of railroads to consolidate with foreign lines and exempting railroads from maintaining general offices in the state and otherwise encouraging railroad building was issued by Governor Haskell today.

## STORM ALMOST BLIZZARD IN THE WESTERN STATES

Denver, Colo., March 29.—Heavy rain and snow and high winds are prevailing over the entire Rocky Mountain region. A heavy snow is reported at Santa Fe N. M. The snow extends to central Wyoming. Durango, Telluride and other mountain cities of Colorado report heavy snow. The storm at Denver almost took the proportions of a midwinter blizzard.

Kansas City, Mo., March 29.—High winds, that interfered with the working of telegraph and telephone wires, prevailed today over central and western Kansas.

## Hermit Had Nothing to Say.

By Associated Press.

Scandia, Kans., March 29.—The inquest into the murder of Alexander Lindahl, his son and daughter, began here today. Charles Nordmark, the hermit who was placed in jail at Belleville last night, pending an investigation, was brought to Scandia today to testify. Nordmark remained stolidly indifferent to the proceedings.

## Prevent Disastrous Fire.

Fire of unknown origin broke out in a room on the ground floor of the Blackstone hotel, late yesterday, but the prompt action of the fire department prevented the blaze from gaining much headway, and it was soon extinguished. The damage was light, being more from the water used than by the fire.

## Expresses His Appreciation.

I take this occasion to thank all who assisted at the fire at the Blackstone hotel late yesterday and especially desire to express my deep appreciation of the quick response and effective work of the fire department.

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